(d) Statements giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (b) above. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 5694/06]

(vi) (a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rajiv Gandhi Shiksha Mission, Raipur, Chhattisgarh, for the year 2003-2004, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 5680/06]

(IV) Statement (in English and Hindi) giving reasons for not laying the Annual Accounts and Audit Report together with Audit certificate of the Indira Gandhi National Open University, New Delhi, for the year 2005-2006, within the stipulated period. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 5691/ 06]

I. Notifications of the Ministry of Finance

II. Report and Accounts (2005-06) of the Balmer lawrie Investments Limited, Kolkata and related papers

III. Report and Accounts (2005-06) of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers, New Delhi and related papers

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Sir, I lay on the Table:—

I (i) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under section 159 of the Customs Act, 1962 together with explanatory memoranda:—

(1) G.S.R. 719 (E) dated the 22nd November, 2006, publishing notification No. 114/2006 — Customs (NT.) dated the 22nd November, 2006, amending G.S.R. 267 (E) dated the 2nd May, 2005 classifying all artware and handicraft items under

the heading of artware the handicrafts according to their constituent material as mentioned in the relevant Chapters of the Drawback Schedule.

(2) G.S.R. 720 (E) dated the 22nd November, 2006, publishing notification No. 115/2006 — Customs (NT.) dated the 22nd November, 2006, amending GSR. 420 (E) dated the 13th July, 2006 classifying all artware and handicraft items under the heading of artware the handicrafts according to their constituent material as mentioned in the relevant Chapters of the Drawback Schedule.

(3) G.S.R. 721 (E) dated the 22nd November, 2006, publishing notification No. 116/2006 — Customs (NT.) dated the 22nd November, 2006, amending G.S.R. 420 (E) dated the 13th July, 2006, so as to provide that the term — Dyed — in relation to textile materials in Chapters 54 & 55 of the Drawback Drawback Schedule shall include 'Printed or Bleached'.

(4) G.S.R. 2032 (E) dated the 27th November, 2006, publishing notification No. 128/2006 — Customs (NT.) dated the 27th November, 2006 notifying exchange reate for conversion of certain foreign currencies into Indian currency or wee-versa for the purpose of assessment of import goods.

(5) SO. 2033 (E) dated the 27th November, 2006, publishing notification No. 129/2006 — Customs (NT.) dated *the* 27th November, 2006, notifying exchange rate for conversion of certain foreign currencies into Indian currency or *vice-versa* for the purpose of assessment of export goods.

(6) S.O. 2061 (E) dated the 1st December, 2006, publishing notification No. 130/2006 — Customs (NT.) dated the 1st December, 2006, amending S.O. 748 (E) dated the 3rd August, 2001 revising Tariff Value on Brass Scrap (all grades) from US $ 4663 PMT to US $ 4524 PMT, based on international prices. [Placed in Library, for (1) to (6) *See* No. L.T 5559/06]

(7) G.S.R. 733 (E) dated the 4th December, 2006, publishing notification No. 115/2006 — Customs amending G.S.R. 18 (E), dated the 1st March, 2002 extending the exemption at prescribed nil rate of customs duty on pulses upto 31st July, 2007. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 5599/06]

(ii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (4) of section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, together with Explanatory Memoranda on the Notification:—

(1) G.S.R. 688 (E) dated the 2nd November, 2006, publishing the Service Tax (Sixth Amendment) Rules, 2006, under sub-section (4) of section 94 of the Finance Act, 1994, along with an Explanatory Memorandum.

(2) G.S.R. 742 (E) dated the 11th December, 2006, publishing Notification No. 31/2006-Service-tax exempting the the taxable service provided by an insurer, carrying on general insurance business to a policy holder for the instance of sheep, from the whole of service tax leviable thereon under section 66 of the Finance Act, 1994, along with an Explanatory Memorandum. [Placed in Library. See No. L.T. 5697/06]

(iii) A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), under sub-section (2) of section 38 of the Central Excise, 1944, together with Explanatory Memoranda:—

(1) G.S.R. 716(E), dated the 20th November, 2006, publishing Notification No. 25/2006-Central Excise (NT.) dated the 20th November, 2006, so as to provide that no excise duty would be leviable on '5% enthanol blended petrol,' that is a blend consisting by volume, of 95% Motor spirit (commonly known as petrol) and 5% ethanol, and « confirming to Bureau of Indian Standards Specification 2796, falling under heading No. 27.10 of the First Schedule

to the Central Excise Tariff Act, 1985 (5 of 1986), cleared during the period 01.07.2004 to 03.08.2004, if the appropriate duties of excise (as defined in the said notification) have been paid on Motor Spirit and Ethanol used for blending.

(2) G.S.R. 717 (E), dated the 20th November 2006, publishing Notification No. 45/2006-Central Excise, dated the 20th November, 2006, amending G.S.R. 138 (E) dated the 1st March 2003, so as to extend excise duty exemption under Small Scale Industries (SSI) scheme to all branded account books, registers, writing pads and file folders (falling under heading 4820 or 4821 of the Central Excise Tariff;. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T 5698/06]

II. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers, under sub section (1) of Section 619Aof the Companies Act, 1956:—

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Balmer Lawrie Investments Limited (BLI), Kolkata, for the year 2005-2006, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts ana the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(b) Review by Government on the working of the above Company [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 5560/06]

III. A copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:

(a) Annual Report and Accounts of the Empowered Committee of State Finance Ministers, New Delhi, for the year 2005-2006, together with the Auditor's Report on the Accounts.

(b) Review by Government on the working of above Committee. [Placed in Library. *See* No. L.T. 5696/06]

I. Report and Accounts (2005-06) of the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, New Delhi and related papers

II. MoU (2006-07) between Government of India and the National Backard Classes Finance and Development Corporation